

# MACOMB COUNTY REPORT

MACOMB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



2006



# A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners is pleased to present this annual report to update you on the status of Macomb County. Inside you will find charts and explanations to help you understand how your tax dollars are used to fund county services.

Also included are informative articles, profiles and photos to give you an in-depth look at the services provided to you by your County Commissioners.

We hope you enjoy reading this report. Please keep it handy as a reference. If you need further information throughout the year, your County Commissioner (as shown on pages 15 - 18) is available to assist your needs.

- The Macomb County  
Board of Commissioners

# COLLECTIVE ASSETS MAKE MACOMB A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

- Macomb is the third largest county in Michigan with more than 836,000 residents.
- Macomb is 482 square miles with easy access to three interstate highways.
- Most of the county's eastern border rests on Lake St. Clair. The county has 31 miles of shoreline. Boating is a popular pastime; there are more than 47,000 registered pleasure craft owners in the county served by more than 100 marinas offering 10,000+ slips.
- More than 130 parks, covering 12,000 acres, are managed by the state, regional, county and local government. Five staffed nature centers provide special programs for the public. With Phase 1 of the Macomb Orchard Trail completed, this linear park will soon provide 24 miles for recreational, non-motorized travel.
- There are more than 30 golf courses and a variety of other recreational centers including ice and in-line skating arenas and a skateboard park that attracts national competitions.
- Twenty-one hotels provide 2,602 rooms. Some feature top-notch conference and banquet facilities, fitness centers – even a thrilling indoor water park is available!
- Retail centers occupy more than 19 million square feet including three regional shopping centers, six old-fashioned downtowns, nearly 40 farmers markets and a multitude of farms and orchards that offer plants, trees and “pick-your-own” fruits.
- World-renowned performances are featured at several major venues, and hundreds of smaller establishments feature live entertainment. There are more than 50 historic sites, museums and art galleries. More than 2,100 restaurants serve up an experience for every taste.
- The average household income in Macomb County is \$52,102. The top three jobs are manufacturing, wholesale/retail trade and professional business services.
- The top three employers are General Motors, DaimlerChrysler and Ford Motor Company. However, 95 percent of all businesses in Macomb County employ less than 50 people.
- More homes are occupied by owners than in any other county in Michigan; nearly 79 percent. The median value of a home is \$139,200.
- There are 21 school districts, 10 public school academies and nearly 50 private or parochial schools within the county – many with the coveted distinction of “Blue Ribbon.”
- Baker College recently opened a campus in Clinton Township that offers four-year degree programs. Macomb Community College, the second largest in Michigan, offers a wide range of programs as well as bachelor's and master's programs.
- Six hospitals provide nearly 1,400 beds with top-rated centers specializing in cardiac care, cancer treatment and orthopedic surgery.



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# AWARDS OF DISTINCTION

## Efficient, Effective, Innovative.

These are just some of the criteria for being awarded the prestigious “Achievement Award” through the National Association of Counties.

2005 marked the 24th year that Macomb County earned more NACo awards than any of the other 82 Michigan counties. In all, there were 14 award-winning programs:

The County Clerk/Register of Deeds received three awards. **“SMART Bus Rides for Jurors”** provides free public transportation for jurors. Two others recognized the Clerk’s commitment to incorporating cutting edge technological information systems: **Circuit Court Case Index on the Internet** and **Bar Coding Potential Jurors**.

The Macomb County Health Department received awards for **Healthy Kids, Healthy Hearts** – a four-part, in-school program for 4th graders. The **Fluorescent Tube Collection Program** fosters the proper disposal of light bulbs containing mercury and the **Waste Oil Filter Reclamation Program**.

**Juvenile Dual Diagnosis Court** – channelling non-violent youth offenders with both mental health issues and substance addiction into rehabilitative programs. (Awarded to Macomb County Community Mental Health and Juvenile Court.)

**Felony Drug Court** – intensive drug treatment and supervision for adult probation violators and non-violent convicted felons. (Circuit Court)

**Dual Diagnosis Court** – links non-violent offenders with co-occurring mental health issues and substance



The Board of Commissioners hosts an annual breakfast to honor awardees. Here, the Macomb County Health Department accepts an award for Healthy Kids, Healthy Hearts.

abuse with needed services.  
(Community Corrections)

**Arab American & Chaldean Anti-Stigma Project** – using culturally sensitive outreach techniques to educate and provide treatment.  
(Community Mental Health)

**Wellness is a 52-Week Commitment** – worksite wellness activities for county employees.  
(Risk Management and Safety)

**Countywide Master Plan for Trails** – linking hike/bike trails throughout the county. (Planning & Economic Development)

**Reaching Beyond the Shadows** – demystifying adult dementia and providing de-escalation techniques for law enforcement and emergency medical personnel. (Senior Citizen Services)

**Meeting the Challenge Together: A Strategic Approach** – revamping a department to streamline services.  
(Community Services Agency)

## Other Awards and Distinctions

A **Michigan Excellence in Technology Award** to the Information Technology Department for digitalizing vital records.

Both the **Michigan Economic Development Corporation** and the **Michigan Small Business Technology & Development Center** recognized individuals and programs within the Department of Planning & Economic Development.

The **Michigan Association of Planners** gave high honors to the Department of Planning & Economic Development for the Countywide Master Plan for Trails.

The **Mount Clemens Beautification Advisory Commission** presented an Award of Merit for the garden planter located in front of the Administration Building.

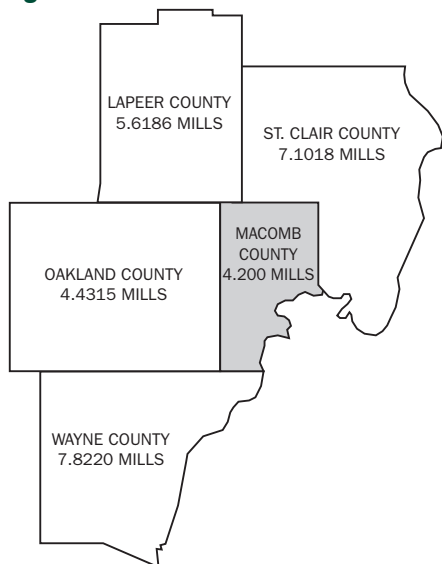
The **Michigan Emergency Management Association** presented the 2005 Hazard Mitigation Award to the Department of Emergency Management and Communications.

The Department of Emergency Management received accolades from the **Macomb Intermediate School District** for its involvement in the “Project Tame” School Safety project.

Macomb MSUE received several awards last year including a nod from the **Michigan Education Association** for its family newsletter, **Michigan Association of County Agricultural Agents** for their radio show and **Michigan Association of Extension 4-H** for a New Adventures Together Using our Environment (NATURE) Program.

# FINANCE

## Macomb County Consistently Offers the Lowest Tax Base in the Region



## Macomb County Finances in Top Form

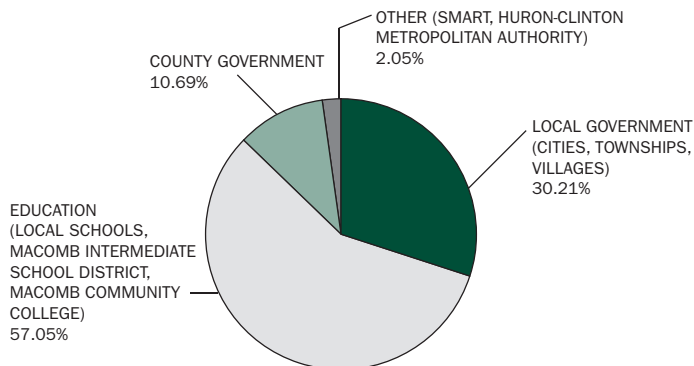
Macomb County has the highest possible credit rating from both Moody's Investors Service (Aaa) and Standard & Poor's (AAA), two of the country's most prestigious Wall Street rating agencies. Only two counties in Michigan (of 83) and 34 other counties in the nation (of 3,066) enjoy this distinction.

Triple-A rated counties are those with a deep, diverse and growing economy, strong financial management and a low debt burden in addition to proven ability to weather all economic cycles by maintaining tight budgetary controls, maintaining sufficient reserves and planning for future contingencies.

Achieving the highest rating makes it possible for Macomb County to borrow needed funds at the absolute lowest rates. In addition, cities, townships, villages, and school districts can take advantage of the county's top rating by seeking its guarantee on future borrowing.

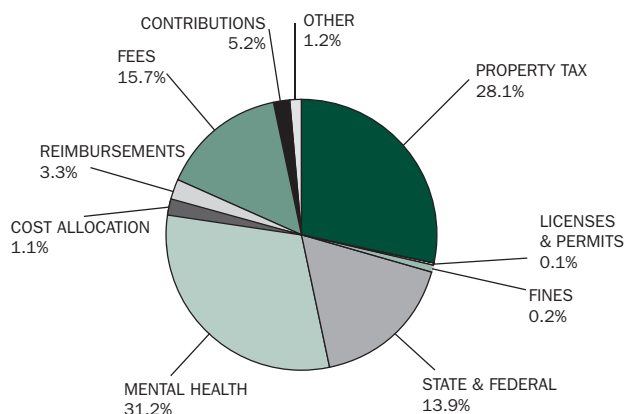
## 2006 AVERAGE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX DISTRIBUTION

Only 11¢ of every property tax dollar goes to support county services.



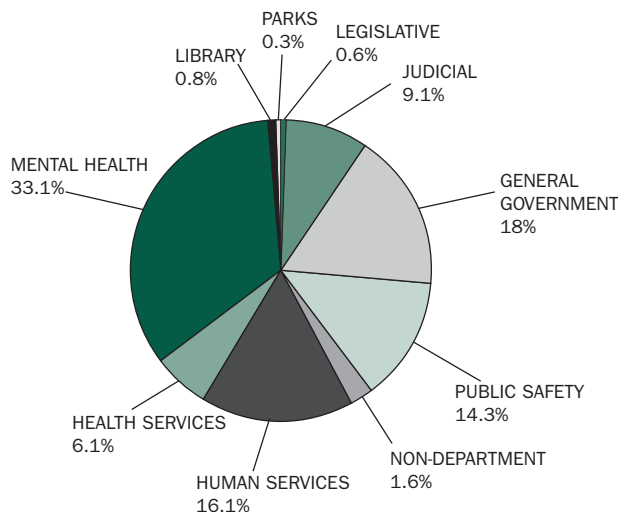
## 2006 MACOMB COUNTY BUDGETED REVENUES

\$449 Million



## 2006 BUDGETED EXPENDITURES

\$449 Million



# SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICES

**It's been said a society can best be judged by the way it treats its seniors.**

**911 Cell Phones**  
586-469-6313

**Adult Day Services**  
586-466-6817

**Dementia Training for First Responders**  
586-466-6817

**Prescription Drug Discounts**  
586-469-6313

**Prescription Resource Network**  
586-469-6313

**Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**  
586-469-6315

**Retail Discount Card**  
586-469-6313

**Senior Citizen Chore Referral**  
586-469-6317

**Support and Discussion Groups**  
586-469-6313

**Seniors Legal Assistance**  
586-469-6406

**Victim Liaison**  
1-866-498-8503 (Toll Free)

**Older American Festival**  
586-469-5285

At Macomb County's Department of Senior Citizen Services, we've set out to demonstrate our caring as a community through a number of key programs, all of which demonstrate how much the Macomb County Board of Commissioners appreciates senior citizens.

## **Prescription Drug Discount Services**

Since 2000, Macomb seniors have saved more than \$18 million through the Senior Discount Prescription Drug Program, which serves those age 60 and older. Equipped with a card, seniors can receive discounts on brand name or generic drugs at participating

pharmacies. There's also an optical discount available to participants.

A similar program also is available to others. At a cost of just \$13 annually for a master member, the Age 18-59 Discount Prescription Program offers the same benefits as the senior version. Macomb County also guides all residents through other forms of prescription assistance and the Medicare Part D program choices.

## **Prescription Resource Network**

Provides assistance in determining eligibility and applying for free/low-cost drugs from pharmaceutical manufacturers.

## **Senior Citizen Retail Discount Card**

A growing number of Macomb County businesses are recognizing the purchasing power of those 60 years and older by offering discounts on a wide variety of products and services.

## **911 Cell Phones**

In an emergency, timing is critical. Macomb County provides free 911 cellular phones to seniors. With no service contract required, the phones connect directly to emergency personnel (911) anywhere in the country. Please call our office to request a phone or to make a donation.

## **Support and Discussion Groups**

Professionally facilitated groups are available to help seniors and their caregivers learn coping skills for dealing with grief, late-life divorce and dementia.

## **Adult Day Services**

With centers in Clinton Township and St. Clair Shores, seniors and their families find ways to improve



In 2005, people age 65 and older represented 14 percent of the overall Macomb County population. By 2030, this percentage is projected to increase to 25 percent of the overall population.

their everyday lives. More than 240 residents took part in the programs in 2005.

## **Victim Liaison**

In collaboration with the Prosecuting Attorney, information and assistance is provided to those with concerns about victimization and other crimes against seniors.

## **Dementia Training for First Responders**

Macomb County is dedicated to providing Dementia Training for First Responders. These workshops help law enforcement and emergency medical personnel recognize and handle incidents involving adults with dementia. More than 1,000 first responders have received this award-winning training.



## Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Provides support, networking, and intergenerational activities for seniors raising grandchildren and other dependent relatives. This program includes activities such as skating parties, picnics and a summer camp.

## Legal Assistance Program

Attorneys specializing in elder law are available to answer questions, provide advice and referrals, prepare documents or any number of legal services to those 60 years of age and older.

## There's more ...

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners is committed to serving senior citizens through a wide range of programs. Whether it's acting as a resource advocate or



When changes occurred in the Medicaid Prescription Drug Program, staff from the department of Senior Citizen Services held in-office and community outreach programs to help educate, empower and enroll more than 800 residents.

referring seniors to counseling programs, we're committed to doing what it takes to help. Other services include: chore and housing information, tax assistance

programs, volunteer opportunities, Focus Hope assistance and referral for other available services are also available from the Department of Senior Citizen Services.

# 23RD ANNUAL OLDER AMERICAN FESTIVAL

**Sponsored by the Macomb County Board of Commissioners**  
**10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, June 21, 2006**  
**Freedom Hill County Park**

Gates to the park open at 10 a.m. This event is for residents age 60 and older. It features FREE health tests and an exhibitors tent providing valuable information about programs and services tailored for seniors.

A live band will perform big band entertainment for your listening and dancing pleasure, and a bingo tent will open and accept new players every 45 minutes.

Michigan State University Extension will present a myriad of exhibits and information related to horticulture, lawn care and other programs of interest to seniors.

Beginning at 11:30 a.m., a FREE box lunch\* will be distributed and

special treats offered at discount prices.

The Board of Commissioners, the Department of Senior Services and the county employees who volunteer at this special event look forward to seeing you on June 21st!

\* Lunches are provided first come, first served. Due to federal funding requirements, those who receive a free lunch will be required to provide their name, address, date of birth and signature.



# HEALTH DEPARTMENT

**Your good health is the primary objective of the Macomb County Health Department. Ensuring the physical well-being of county residents is a goal that's been achieved through a number of initiatives in the past year.**

**Hotline**  
586-466-7923

**Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening**  
586-412-3384

**Cardiovascular Disease Risk Reduction**  
586-412-3387

**Child Passenger Safety**  
586-412-3398

**Children's Special Health Care Services**  
586-466-6855

**Communicable Disease Report & Travel Information**  
586-783-8190

**Community Health Outreach Services:**  
586-792-8846 (Clinton Township)  
586-469-7694 (Mount Clemens)

**Dental Clinic**  
586-469-5236

**Environmental/Water Quality**  
586-469-5236

**Environmental Health:**  
586-469-5236 (Mount Clemens)  
586-573-2240 (Warren)

**Family Planning**  
586-469-5491

**Food Safety Training**  
586-469-5236

**Health Education**  
586-412-3399

**Healthy Habits for Healthy Kids**  
586-412-3396

**Healthy Kids/MiChild**  
586-469-5492

**Hearing & Vision Screening**  
586-412-5945

**HIV/AIDS Counseling & Testing**  
586-573-2040

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection**  
586-466-7923

**Immunization Clinics:**  
586-469-5372 (Mount Clemens)  
586-466-6800 (St. Clair Shores)  
586-573-2090 (Warren)

**Lake St. Clair Regional Monitoring**  
586-466-7923

**Nursing Services:**  
586-469-5520 (Mount Clemens)  
586-466-6800 (St. Clair Shores)  
586-573-2210 (Warren)

**Nutrition Services**  
586-412-3396

**Swimming Pool Operators Training**  
586-469-5236

**Safe Sleep/Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)**  
586-573-2210

**Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic**  
586-573-2096

**Women, Infants and Children (WIC)**  
586-469-5471



## Hotline

The Health Department maintains recorded announcements for “hot topics” such as flu shots, radon detection, rodent control, anthrax, disposal of household hazardous waste, communicable diseases, safe disposal of medications, and other breaking news.

## Protecting Our Citizens

In 2005, the Health Department continued its intense effort in the ongoing program of vaccinations for both children and adults. That included some 25,000 doses of the influenza vaccine being given and 47,440 doses of other vaccines to protect children from a wide range of preventable diseases.

## Expired Medication Disposal Program

Realizing that the improper handling of medications and personal care products can be harmful to children, pets and the environment, the Macomb County Board of Commissioners requested that the Health Department initiate an effort to collect and properly dispose of outdated and expired medications from county residents. That effort began in early 2005.

## Programs for All

Additional Health Department initiatives included the response to reports of mercury spills, promotion of the “Healthy Kids-Healthy Futures” nutrition and physical activity program, the training of local agencies on accessing health care for children, and the celebration of National Women’s Health Week in May.

## Environmental Stewardship

Toxic materials need to be put in their proper place. That’s exactly what the Health Department has done – to nearly 70 tons of toxic materials – through the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program. Collected materials – including batteries, waste oil, gasoline, oil-based paint, and pesticides – are sent for proper disposal or reclamation.

Residents may continue to bring in spent fluorescent light tubes and exchange them for a low-mercury, energy-efficient replacements. Also, used oil filters are collected and crushed to remove residual oil, which is then sent for recycling and proper disposal.

### **Prepared to Protect the Public**

The Health Department received funds from the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to focus on ways to fight bioterrorism and other threats.

Health Department staff initiated training to achieve competence in the National Incident Management System (NIMS), which is part of the National Response Plan (NRP).

A fax server was brought on-line to assure the Health Department's ability to send instructions or other messages rapidly to various Macomb County agencies and institutions in an emergency. A one-page message can be faxed to more than 1,000 recipients in one hour.

Macomb County also trains food service managers to comply with a regulation adopted by the Board of Commissioners to protect the public against food-borne illness. Under the regulation, every establishment serving food to the public must have at least one manager certified in food service sanitation. In 2005, nearly 200 managers were trained by the Health Department's Environmental Health Services Division.

## **MACOMB COUNTY WATER QUALITY BOARD**

**Macomb County Water Quality Board**  
586-469-5235

Since its inception eight years ago, the board has focused on important issues including E. coli excesses, sanitary sewer overflows, water quality monitoring and preparing to respond to any spill in the St. Clair River.

The group's advocacy efforts receive federal, state and local attention. More than \$6 million in funding has helped to further identify and resolve water quality issues and also to help educate citizens about the importance of protecting one of our county's greatest natural resources.

The Lake St. Clair Regional Monitoring Project is acquiring stream flow, water and sediment

quality data with emphasis on the effects of major storms. The project includes continuous monitoring at 13 fixed stations as well as storm monitoring at 23 locations throughout the watershed. The collected data will provide a more comprehensive assessment of water quality and may help to determine contaminant loadings to the lake and its tributaries. For more information, please visit [www.lakesstclairdata.net](http://www.lakesstclairdata.net).



Protecting the county's natural waters for future generations is a priority.

# ANIMAL SHELTER

**The Animal Shelter is responsible for returning lost pets to their owners, facilitating animal adoptions, and providing care to lost and abandoned animals.**

**Animal Shelter**  
586-469-5115  
[www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth)

The Animal Shelter also protects livestock, regulates the keeping of domestic animals and licenses dogs. Protecting the health and safety of residents is a primary

purpose of the Animal Shelter, a mission that's achieved by ensuring the quarantine and testing of animals that have bitten people, and by educating residents on care and control issues that relate to animals.

The shelter is located on Dunham Road in Clinton Township and is open every non-holiday Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



A pet can offer companionship, responsibility and fun. Visit our shelter and bring home a new member of your family today!

# MARTHA T. BERRY MEDICAL CARE FACILITY

**The Martha T. Berry Medical Care Facility, owned and operated by Macomb County, is a bright spot in the lives of residents and the families and friends who support them.**

**Martha T. Berry**  
586-469-5265  
[www.macombcountymi.gov/marthatberry](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/marthatberry)

A mainstay institution in the county since its inception in 1949, Martha T. Berry (MTB) has served with distinction and continues to improve and evolve, notably with the building of a new addition (Phase I) in 2003 and a major renovation project for the existing building (Phases II - IV).

Phase III of the renovation project opened in 2005 and includes 42 new resident bedrooms with attached bathrooms. Each completed phase of the project supports up-to-date compliance with federal and state fire and

safety codes. Residents and families are quick to point out how uplifting and more home-like the facility has become. MTB continues to maintain an occupancy rate of 98 to 99 percent of the 170 available beds. The final phase of the renovation (IV) will be completed in June 2006.

## Committed to Quality

MTB's administrative management team, through its membership in both the American and Michigan Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, is committed to the principles outlined in the "Quality First" membership covenant. The commitment includes special stewardship responsibilities for maintaining continuous quality improvement, public disclosure and accountability, consumer and family rights, workforce excellence, community involvement, ethical practices and financial integrity.



Staff at MTB prepare for a special holiday party for residents.

MTB is actively involved in implementing the State of Michigan's "Best Practice Guidelines" and incorporating them into the facility's policies and procedures toward positive outcomes. MTB is committed to achieving excellence in the quality of care while promoting quality of life and to earning the public's trust.

# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & COMMUNICATIONS

**Emergencies. No one likes to see them happen, but when they do, having an effective response is as vital as it is life-saving.**

**Emergency Management & Communications**  
586-469-5270  
[www.macombcountymi.gov/oem](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/oem)

Anticipating the worst is the job of Macomb County's Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC), the organization responsible for planning and coordinating the response to any emergency situation or homeland security threat that may occur in Macomb County.

## Preparation Pays Off

Being prepared to respond to and recover from the effects of all hazards – including terrorist threats – means having an organization equipped to do so. This includes providing the equipment, training and planning resources necessary to respond to a natural or man-made disaster.

Through grant funding provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, OEMC continues to take a proactive approach to dealing with the worst possible scenarios.

In recent years, proactive preparation has included the purchase of outdoor warning sirens, personal protective equipment, automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) and emergency vehicles – designed to properly equip our emergency personnel.

## Community Action

The department has developed an award-winning workbook that offers emergency planning guidelines that every homeowner and business owner can use to prepare themselves for any number of disaster events. Copies are available at local police and fire stations or by calling OEMC.

## Planning Ahead

Every year, the department sponsors training events dealing with incident command, weapons of mass destruction and biological incidents. It hosts full-scale exercises involving the actual movement of emergency personnel and equipment to test the plans. Such exercises help participants identify the strengths and, more importantly, the weaknesses of plans. The best time to gain such knowledge is before an actual event occurs.

## Hazard Mitigation Plan

The department has upgraded the county's Hazard Mitigation Plan which identifies emergency threats and risks in the county and creates projects that would ease the impact of any number of hazards. Under the plan, funds at the federal and state level may be available to cover the costs of an emergency response.

## Communications

The department is in the third year of building an 800 MHz radio system designed to be used by all police, fire and EMS first responders. Since the project is in partnership with the State of Michigan, interoperability will be statewide.



**Top**  
One of the nine new towers erected for the county's 800 MHz interoperable radio system.

**Above**  
The service building has been outfitted with emergency generators to ensure continuous service.

Site development (Phase I) was completed in November 2005. This included nine towers, generators and equipment buildings. Phase II involves the installation of the fixed radio equipment and will be completed in March 2006. Microwave links for the nine sites (Phase III) will be completed in June 2006. The last Phase is the installation of local equipment. Service for the Macomb County Sheriff's Office is scheduled to be completed in October 2006 and will be operating when testing is complete. Completion of the entire project is expected in 2007, when all the police departments in the county will be added to the system.



# COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

Community participation. Self sufficiency. Independence. Each of these qualities is at the heart of what Macomb County's Community Mental Health (MCCMH) department promotes through its services to the community.

Community Mental Health Access Center  
586-948-0222

Administrative Office  
586-469-5275

CARE (Substance Abuse Treatment)  
586-541-2273

Crisis Center  
(24-hour assistance, any situation)  
586-307-9100

Office of Community Relations  
586-469-6958

Office of Recipient Rights  
586-469-6528

Anti-Stigma Program  
586-939-5016

Crossroads Clubhouse  
586-759-9100

Shared Parenting  
586-307-8258

[www.macombcountymi.gov/  
communitymentalhealth](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/communitymentalhealth)

e-mail address  
[ocr@mccmh.net](mailto:ocr@mccmh.net)



According to the National Health Association, more than 54 million Americans have a mental disorder in any given year. Fewer than 8 million seek treatment.

## Accreditation

In 2005, Macomb County Community Mental Health (MCCMH) provided mental health and developmental disability services to 9,500 residents. Services included outpatient counseling, inpatient healthcare, at-home services and full-time residential care.

The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities noted several strengths about MCCMH, including:

- The Board and staff are committed to the people they serve.
- Training for staff goes "well beyond what is required."
- Consumer input is respected and used. Persons served are actively involved in their

treatment and generally report high satisfaction with services.

- MCCMH goes above and beyond to ensure that consumers have necessary medications.

## Arab-American Chaldean Council Anti-Stigma Program

In partnership with the Arab-American Chaldean Council, MCCMH provides culturally appropriate mental health services to residents. The goal is to reduce the stigma associated with seeking mental health services among cultural groups. Components include brochures and information pieces in native languages, a regular radio broadcast, a Web-based information page, community-based support groups and in-person presentations. Last year, more than 2,000 people were impacted by the program.

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## **Macomb Recovery Conference: Support, Inclusion, Recovery**

The Recovery Model in Mental Health focuses on building strengths, capacities and relationships for people who are impacted by mental health conditions. The entire model is driven by consumers of mental health services.

The Macomb County Recovery Conference Committee sponsored its first event in September. Held at Freedom Hill County Park, the featured speaker was Dr. Fred Frese, a well-known researcher, lecturer, and writer on the subject of recovery in mental illness.

More than 150 people attended the event. The conference was funded by a Recovery Block Grant from the Michigan Department of Community Health and was planned and coordinated by members of Crossroads Clubhouse in Warren.

## **“Walk a Mile in My Shoes” Rally**

In conjunction with “May is Mental Health Month,” Macomb County participated in a statewide rally in Lansing. Designed to draw attention to the need to protect public mental health services, “Walk a Mile in My Shoes,” was a gathering of mental health consumers, their families and friends. The rally was followed by opportunities to meet with local legislators to talk about issues of importance to mental health consumers and to provide education about mental health. Consumers from Macomb County helped to promote attention to mental health needs by attending

the rally and meeting with representatives of local legislators’ offices.

## **Childcare Expulsion Prevention Program Developed**

Disruptive behaviors in younger children can be an indication of emotional distress. Unfortunately, they may not always be recognized as such and can result in the unnecessary expulsion of young children from childcare settings. Of course, a child’s expulsion may add to the family’s distress and increase the need for intervention. Working with educators and other community partners, MCCMH has developed and implemented a Childcare Expulsion Prevention Project (CCEP). CCEP is a cross-agency project that provides consultation to childcare workers and teachers, on-site observation, assessment and management strategies, as well as home and family consultation. The program also provides ongoing educational opportunities for child care workers with the aim of increasing their ability to recognize and respond to challenging behaviors and reducing the incidence of young children’s expulsion.

## **Shared Parenting Expands Respite Alternatives**

Working together with parents, families, ARC of Macomb, the Mental Health Services Board and the Board of Commissioners, MCCMH developed a new option for families caring for adults with developmental disabilities (DD) at home. Shared parenting is a one-to-one service providing temporary alternative care in the home of another adult. The

alternative caregiver is someone who is an integral part of the life of the adult with developmental disabilities and his or her family. The program achieves three critical goals: to provide temporary relief to the family who provides care for the person with DD, to extend the family’s circle of support, and to expand the experiences of the person with DD.

The program has already served 45 families with plans to expand service in the near future.

## **Macomb County Office of Substance Abuse (MCOSA)**

A division of Macomb County Community Mental Health, MCOSA is the designated coordinating agency for substance abuse treatment services in Macomb County. MCOSA is responsible for contracting with community agencies to provide publicly funded substance abuse prevention and treatment services. It also provides support services in the areas of program development, evaluation, quality assurance, training and educational resources for staff and community. MCOSA administers the substance abuse credentialing test, license review, and monitors recipient rights, consumer complaint resolution, data collection, and management of covered substance abuse services for Medicaid beneficiaries. The Macomb County Substance Abuse Advisory Council provides a forum for public input on substance abuse services. MCOSA funded treatment admissions totaled 8,420 in 2005 – an increase of 11 percent over 2004.

# MACOMB COUNTY LIBRARY



**In an increasingly information-dependent society, the Macomb County Library promotes the intellectual development of all Macomb County residents.**

**Macomb County Library**  
586-286-6660  
Reference Center  
586-412-5990  
[www.macombcountylibrary.org](http://www.macombcountylibrary.org)

**Macomb Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**  
586-286-1580

**Kids on the Block**  
586-286-1580  
[www.libcoop.net/macspe](http://www.libcoop.net/macspe)

**Macomb Literacy Partners**  
586-286-2750  
[www.macombliteracy.org](http://www.macombliteracy.org)

## Expanded Services

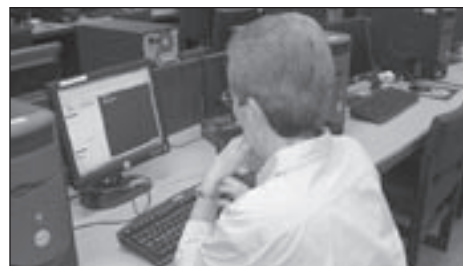
The library provides a unique reference collection with concentrations on business, health and government documents. It also provides reference resources for topics such as career information, foreign language books

and English as a Second Language materials. Bestselling fiction and non-fiction books are offered in print and in audio format. Information is also available through the library's public computer terminals and further integration of technology-based resources is also planned.

Programs to entertain and inform are offered weekly. Past programs have included antiques appraisals, book discussion groups and how to start a business in Macomb County.

## Special Needs

Citizens who require specialized support can obtain resources from the Macomb Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. This section of the library provides a wide variety of resources for citizens facing challenges. By offering large print books, talking books and descriptive videos, the library is prepared to serve residents who can't read standard print.



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Each day, hundreds of residents access the Internet through our computer lab. This free service can help students research homework assignments, assist job seekers in finding employment opportunities or help the perpetually interested satisfy their "need to know."

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Today, the Internet makes it possible to search for materials by book title, author or subject. Once you find a book that matches your needs, the Internet can also help you to find the closest local library that has it available! Check out our Web site.

This department of the Macomb County Library also offers a broad scope of programs and materials for children. Young ones with learning challenges can find visual and audio materials that help them develop their reading skills. Even those who aren't facing the challenge of a world without perfect sight can gain new insights with the library's award-winning "Kids on the Block" puppet performance series which helps children understand social and disability issues such as bullying, gaining sensitivity to multiculturalism, and blindness.

Does someone you know need to learn to read? Would you be willing to volunteer your time and talents to give someone the gift of reading? The Macomb Literacy Partners offer free one-on-one tutoring for adults and are always looking for volunteers.



# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

MSU Extension is the non-formal educational component of Michigan State University. Funded by the Macomb County Board of Commissioners, MSU, and the U. S. Department of Agriculture, MSUE extends the research-based knowledge of the university to address local needs.

MSU Extension  
586-469-5180  
[www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension)

## Advancing Economic Development

MSUE is a collaborator in the Van Dyke-Eight Mile Gateway Collaborative, a revitalization partnership. This three-year effort, sponsored by the Local Initiative Services Corporation of Detroit, is designed to shatter the Eight Mile Road division between city and suburb by bringing neighbors and businesses from Warren, Center Line and Detroit together. MSUE is conducting a neighborhood survey, offering housing education classes and a "Practical Home and Garden," a program to boost "curb appeal."

## Helping Youth Succeed:

Operation Military Kids (OMK) supports children, nationwide, of members serving in the National Guard and Reserve. Its goals are to raise awareness of "suddenly military" kids and build capacity to deliver and implement support services. This two-year grant, funded by the USDA, will utilize 4-H Youth Development programming to support over 3,000 youth affected by deployment, keeping the youth and deployed family members



4-H youth volunteers, including the Above & Beyond club from the Juvenile Justice Center assemble Hero Packs for children of deployed family members.

connected. In Macomb County, this program celebrated its official kick-off by assembling 160 "Hero Packs"—backpacks filled with writing materials, stuffed animals, dog tags and a personal letter of support for suddenly military kids. OMK also provides Mobile Technology Labs and support that will help military children stay in touch with their loved ones.

## Strengthening Families:

Alternatives to Anger teaches participants to identify where anger originates and how to cope with their own anger and the anger of others. This class was initially designed to serve the Juvenile Court and Probation Departments but is open to all residents, adults and children. In 2005, 173 people completed the four-session program. It has become one of MSUE's most sought-after programs and focuses on teaching

communication and cooperation. Participants say these new skills change not only their behaviors, but also their lives.



# JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER

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**Newly renovated in 2004, this 80-bed residential facility is licensed by the state to house detained and placed youths as ordered by Macomb County judges.**

While in placement, youths are educated through L'Anse Creuse Public Schools. Staff-lead programs designed to enhance life skills are offered in the evenings, including employability training, anger management, 4-H classes and an assortment of vocational paths and related skills.

A dedicated psychologist also provides counseling to youth with mental health challenges that are further compounded within a secure custodial environment.

## **Juvenile Court**

The Delinquency Prevention Program provides intensive casework services to youth and families. Referrals for the program come from parents, schools, police agencies and the court. The goals of the program are to help young people avoid official court involvement, assist families in crisis, refer families to appropriate services and divert youth from detention. Participation in the program is voluntary and usually stems from offenses ranging from incorrigibility to truancy and other first-time delinquency matters.

In 1999, the Circuit Court received a federal grant to create the Macomb County Juvenile Drug Court to respond to the needs of substance-abusing juvenile offenders between the ages of 13 and 17. The mission of the program is to empower substance-abusing, court-involved youth and their families to restore abstinence, maintain sobriety and reduce recidivism. Success involves the entire family and is achieved through intense judicial supervision,

probation monitoring, substance abuse treatment, rewards, sanctions and regular drug testing.

## **The Juvenile Division Dual Diagnosis Program**

This pilot program – funded through a federal grant – has been so successful that other courts throughout the state are duplicating it. Designed especially for youth with co-occurring substance abuse and mental health issues, it features judicial supervision, probation, assessment, intensive outpatient treatment, individual, family and group counseling, psychiatric services, sanctions and rewards, mentors, and life-skills training.

# MACOMB COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

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In order to relieve jail overcrowding, this community-based program makes it possible for non-violent offenders to participate in rehabilitative and monitoring programs in lieu of jail time. The program involves intense substance

abuse inpatient and outpatient treatment, daily reporting services, urine testing, community service work, job training assistance, cognitive restructuring, and pre-trial release supervision.

A Dual Diagnosis Program for adults offers an intense rehabilitative program for non-violent offenders with co-occurring substance abuse and mental health issues.

# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## WHAT YOUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DO FOR YOU



**The 26-member Macomb County Board of Commissioners serves as the legislative, administrative and policy-making body for Macomb County.**

**Board of Commissioners**  
**586-469-5125**  
**[www.macombcountymi.gov/boardofcommissioners](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/boardofcommissioners)**

Elected to serve a two-year term, each commissioner represents a specific district – a geographic area of nearly equal population. Officers are elected from within.

One of the primary responsibilities of the Board of Commissioners is adopting and monitoring the county budget. For 2006, the overall operating budget totals more than \$449 million. Board members ensure that funds are spent responsibly, that a balanced budget is maintained, and that bills are paid in a timely fashion.

### **Other duties include:**

- Setting policies and procedures that provide for the health, safety and welfare of residents
- Ensuring the proper

administration of federal and state – mandated programs.

The Board of Commissioners also provides direction to county departments in developing and evaluating county services and programs. This is accomplished through committees including: Budget, Community Services, Ethics, Finance, Health Services, Justice & Public Safety, Legislative & Administration Services, Operational Services, Finance, Personnel, Planning & Economic Development, Rules and Senior Services. Committees meet monthly or at the call of the Chair of each committee.

The Board of Commissioners recognizes the competence and dedication of nearly 2,700 full- and part-time county employees that strive to ensure that high quality county programs and services are available for residents.

Each Friday, the board allows employees to dress casually for a donation of \$1. Funds are collected and distributed to local charities and organizations. During

2005, \$33,500 was shared with worthy causes in the county.

Your board is honored to serve you and welcomes your participation in government. Your questions, suggestions, compliments or complaints are always welcome and appreciated.

### **2006 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING DATES**

Board meetings are held at 7 p.m.

<b>May 18</b>	<b>Sept. 21</b>
<b>June 15</b>	<b>Oct. 12</b>
<b>July 27</b>	<b>Nov. 22</b>
<b>Aug. 17</b>	<b>Dec. 14</b>

### **Committee Meetings**

Business conducted during committee meetings is formally voted upon at full board meetings. There are 12 committees, not including ad hoc committees. Meetings are normally held on the 9th Floor of the county Administration Building (1 S. Main St., Mount Clemens)

### **MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

For committee meeting dates and times, call 586-469-5125 or visit [www.macombcountymi.gov](http://www.macombcountymi.gov)

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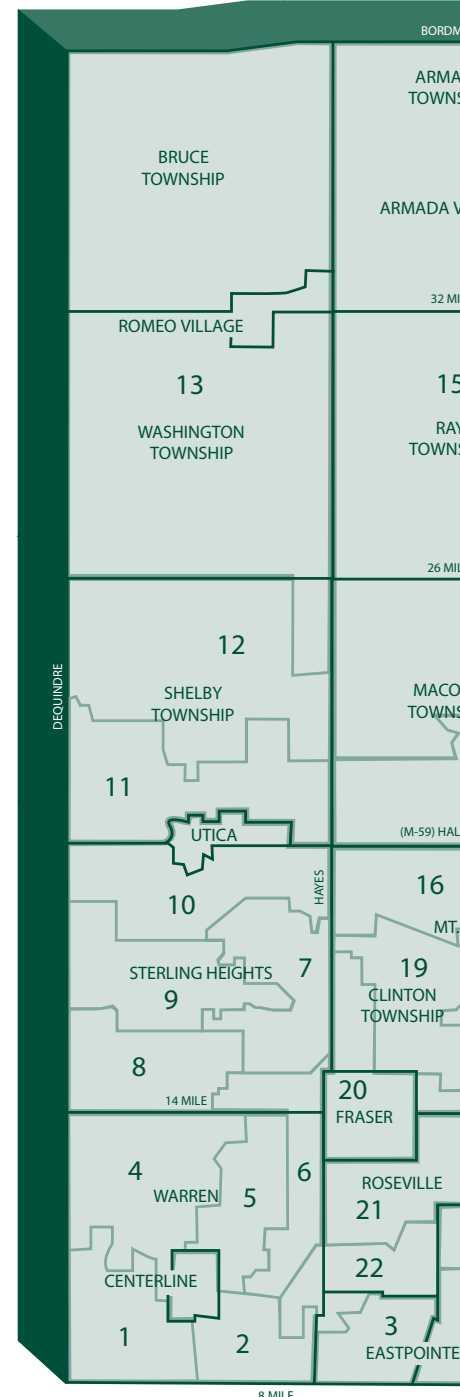
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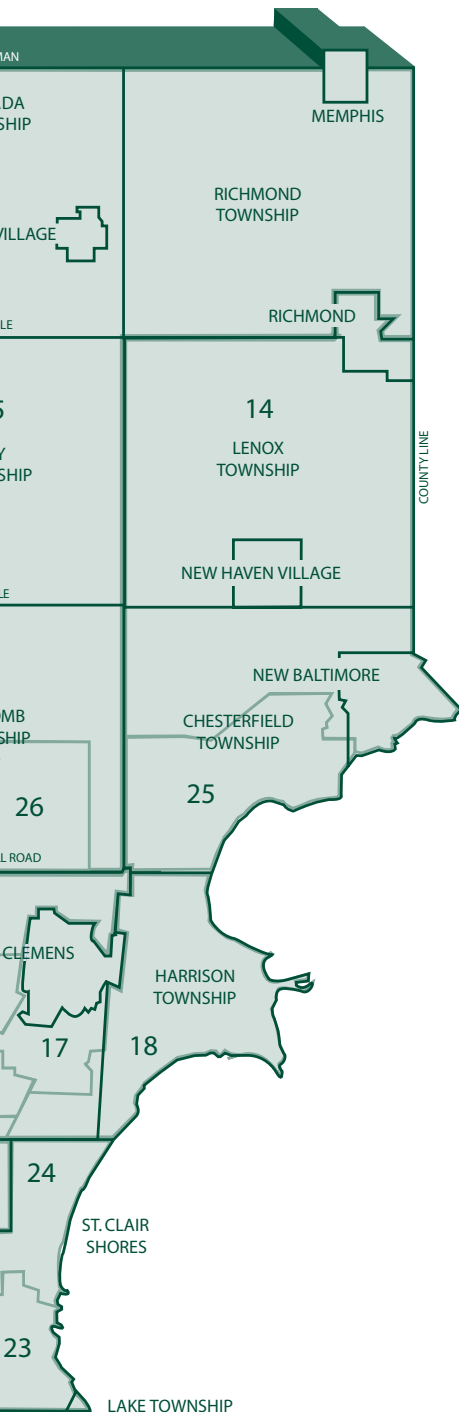
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**Animal Shelter**

586-469-5115  
21417 Dunham Road, Clinton Township

**Board of Commissioners**

586-469-5125  
1 S. Main St., 9th Floor, Mount Clemens

**Circuit Court**

586-469-5351  
40 N. Main St., 9th Floor, Mount Clemens

**Clerk's Office**

586-469-5120  
40 N. Main St., 1st Floor, Mount Clemens

**Community Mental Health**

586-948-0222  
10 N. Main St., 5th Floor, Mount Clemens

**Community Services Agency**

586-469-6999  
21885 Dunham Road, Clinton Township

**Emergency Management**

586-469-5270  
10 N. Main St., 1st Floor, Mount Clemens

**Emergency Medical Services**

586-469-5168  
43525 Elizabeth Road, Mount Clemens

**Equalization**

586-469-5260  
10 N. Main St., 3rd Floor, Mount Clemens

**Freedom Hill County Park**

586-979-7010  
15000 Metro Parkway, Sterling Heights

**Friend of the Court**

586-469-5160  
40 N. Main St., 6th Floor, Mount Clemens  
24-Hour Case Info Access: 586-469-7618

**Head Start**

586-469-5215  
21885 Dunham Road, Clinton Township

**Health Department**

586-469-5235  
43525 Elizabeth Road, Mount Clemens

**Human Resources**

586-469-5280  
10 N. Main St., 4th Floor, Mount Clemens

**Human Services**

586-469-7700  
21885 Dunham Road, Clinton Township

**Juvenile Court**

586-469-5195  
380 N. Rose St., Mount Clemens

**Library**

586-286-6660  
16480 Hall Road, Clinton Township

**Macomb Food Program**

586-469-6004

**Martha T. Berry Medical Facility**

586-469-5265  
46533 Elizabeth Road, Mount Clemens

**Michigan State University Extension**

586-469-5180  
21885 Dunham Road, Clinton Township

**Michigan Works!**

586-469-5220  
21885 Dunham Road, Clinton Township

**Parks & Recreation**

586-979-7010  
15000 Metropolitan Parkway, Sterling Heights

**Planning & Economic Development**

586-469-5285  
1 S. Main St., 7th Floor, Mount Clemens

**Probate Court**

586-469-5290  
21850 Dunham Road, Mount Clemens

**Probation - Circuit Court**

586-469-5330  
32 Market St., Mount Clemens

**Probation - District Court**

586-469-6139  
32 Market St., Mount Clemens

**Prosecuting Attorney**

586-469-5350  
1 S. Main St., 3rd Floor,  
Mount Clemens

**Public Affairs**

586-469-7239  
1 S. Main St., 8th Floor, Mount Clemens

**Public Works**

586-469-5325  
115 S. Groesbeck Highway, Mount Clemens

**Road Commission**

586-463-8671  
117 S. Groesbeck Hwy., Mount Clemens  
Problems - call toll free 1-800-462-1474

**Senior Citizens Center**

586-469-6313  
21885 Dunham Road, Clinton Township

**Sheriff**

586-469-5151  
43565 Elizabeth Road, Mount Clemens

**Small Business & Technology Development Center**

586-469-5118  
1 S. Main St., 7th Floor, Mount Clemens

**Treasurer**

586-469-5190  
1 S. Main St., 2nd Floor, Mount Clemens

**Veterans Services**

586-469-5315  
21885 Dunham Road, Clinton Township

## HUMAN RESOURCES

The County of Macomb is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Macomb County does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, height, weight, national origin, or disability.

Up-to-date information about available employment opportunities – including full-time, part-time and contingent positions – is available at the department's Web site. Visit [www.macombcountymi.gov/humanresources](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/humanresources) to learn more about the application procedure.

# MACOMB TOGETHER

Macomb Together  
586-469-5125

## MACOMB TOGETHER

For years, county employees have made voluntary contributions on “Casual Fridays” to local agencies and non-profit organizations. In 2005, employees gave more than \$33,500 to support local causes.

When a tsunami struck Asia, employees wanted to do more than give the customary \$1 “blue jean fee.” As a result, more than \$19,000 – including more than

\$5,000 in contributions from Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Wakely Associates and Project Control Systems – was collected.

In August, the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina prompted the formation of “Macomb Together.” This fundraising campaign was designed to enable Macomb County employees, residents and businesses to pool their

contributions for the relief effort. In short time, the county came together to raise nearly \$250,000 that was contributed to the American Red Cross and Salvation Army to provide needed resources for survivors.

Currently, “Macomb Together” is soliciting contributions to end homelessness in the county.

## VETERANS SERVICES: SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED

Macomb County Department of Veterans Services provides assistance to nearly 5,000 men and women each year.

Veterans Services  
586-469-5315  
[www.macombcountymi.gov/veterans](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/veterans)

From completing applications for federal benefits, offering counseling to veterans and family members, or assisting the families of deceased veterans with burial benefits, our office stands ready to help.

In addition, the Macomb County Board of Commissioners provides attractive cases for memorial flags through this department for families of veterans who passed) after January 1, 2004.



# MACOMB COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES

Offering a variety of services to a wide range of Macomb County residents, the Community Services Agency looks for ways to improve the quality of life of all it touches.

Macomb County Community Services Agency  
phone: 586-469-6999  
fax: 586-469-5530  
[www.macombcountymi.gov/mccsa](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/mccsa)

Commercial Drivers Licenses  
586-469-7998

Head Start  
586-469-5215

Home Injury Control Program  
586-469-5012

Home Preservation/Energy  
586-469-6329

Individual Development Accounts/  
American Dream Downpayment Initiative  
586-469-7378

Macomb Food Program  
586-469-6004

Senior Citizens Chore Services  
586-469-5012

Senior Citizen Nutrition Program  
(Meals-On-Wheels, Liquid Supplement  
Meals, Dining Senior Style)  
586-469-5228

Transportation Division  
586-469-5225

## Community Action Centers

### North Action Center

59057 Gratiot Ave.  
New Haven (27 Mile Road at Gratiot  
Avenue)  
586-749-5146

### Central Action Center

21885 Dunham Road, Suite 10  
Clinton Township (VerKuilen Building)  
586-469-6964

### South Action Center

22856 Ryan Road  
Warren (9 Mile Road and Ryan Road)  
586-759-9150

## Senior Citizen Chore Service

This valuable service helps with home maintenance and minor repairs, as well as snow removal and grass cutting. Available to all Macomb County residents age 60 years or older who meet eligibility guidelines, the service helps seniors remain independent and in their own homes.

## Home Injury Control Program

This is a one-time benefit for residents who are frail or disabled (and at least 60 years old). Under the program, devices installed may include bathtub grab bars, bathtub chairs and handrails as well as a limited number of handicap ramps that can be installed on a short-term basis for a small cost-sharing fee. The ramps give people the freedom to enter and exit their homes with ease. When the ramps are no longer needed, they are removed.

## Senior Citizen Nutrition Program

This umbrella program helps seniors meet their nutritional and social needs.

Meals-On-Wheels is designed for homebound seniors unable to prepare meals for themselves due to physical or mental impairment. Prescreened volunteers make the deliveries on a Monday through Friday basis including Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. Call us for details on the program, including opportunities to volunteer.

Also included in the Nutrition Program is the provision of Liquid Supplement Meals, an initiative that

helps those who are at risk of malnutrition.

Dining Senior Style provides an opportunity for seniors to enjoy a nutritious lunchtime meal with others.

## Preschool Child Development

For preschoolers, Head Start is a comprehensive child development program that serves 850 to 1,000 preschoolers each year. The program provides quality school readiness services and supports healthy development for low-income children.

Head Start accepts applications year round. Call us for details.

## Community Action Centers

The MCCSA's three community action centers are the intake points for a variety of services, including emergency assistance, holiday assistance, commodity food, collaboration with other human service organizations, energy programs and education, and registration for MCCSA's programs.

## Commercial Drivers License Program

This is a four-week condensed vocational opportunity that results in a successful student receiving a CDL-B license (for driving trucks and buses).

## Home Preservation/Energy

This division of MCCSA works to help eligible families and individuals stay warm and safe in their homes. Whole house audits and the installation of energy-efficient measures can save up to 30 percent on heat and utility bills, making the property more affordable to the owner. Landlords and renters may also participate in the program.

## Individual Development Account (IDA) Program and American Dream Downpayment Program

Eligible families are able to participate in this program which provides the knowledge and means to purchase their first home. By participating in a number of required educational programs and establishing a special savings account, matching funds are provided that can be used to cover downpayment and closing costs.

## Macomb Food Program

Every year this program helps feed thousands of Macomb County residents who are in crisis. A network of 50 neighborhood food pantries provides emergency food boxes to those in need. The program relies on the combined efforts of many organizations and individuals who donate time, money and food to help others.



## Transportation Division

This division helps eligible Macomb County residents who need rides to doctor appointments, Community Action Centers or other specific locations. The vehicles are equipped with hydraulic lifts to help the frail or handicapped.

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Volunteers for "Meals on Wheels" deliver about 7,400 meals a week to homebound seniors who are unable to prepare food independently. In 2005, more than 366,700 meals were served.

bottom

Experts agree that early learning programs help get children on the path for educational success. Macomb County Head Start is offered in 44 locations throughout the county.



# PARKS & RECREATION

Something is always happening at Freedom Hill County Park.



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Freedom Hill County Park, located on Metropolitan Parkway just east of Schoenherr, offers a wide range of programs for all ages.

bottom  
The amphitheater is managed by PSE Hillside and provides an intimate, outdoor venue featuring nationally and internationally acclaimed performers.

**Parks & Recreation**  
586-979-7010  
[www.freedomhillcountypark.com](http://www.freedomhillcountypark.com)

**Ticket Information**  
586-268-5100  
[www.freedomhill.net](http://www.freedomhill.net)

**Macomb Orchard Trail**  
[www.macomborchardtrail.com](http://www.macomborchardtrail.com)

The Parks and Recreation Commission determines all county recreational events and activities. From April through October, outdoor events include ethnic festivals, car shows, pet shows and live concerts at the Freedom Hill Amphitheater. Outdoor Markets are held every Wednesday 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Senior Swing Dances take place the third and last Wednesday of each month. Freedom Hill also hosts country dance and exercise dance classes throughout the year. Call the office for specific dates or visit the Web site.

The Metropolitan Parkway Hike and Bike Path travels directly through Freedom Hill and is the perfect starting point for bikers, walkers or in-line skaters.

The Macomb Orchard Trail is a 24-mile recreational gem. It provides a great way for walkers, bikers and equestrians (in some places) to get outdoors and enjoy our wonderful scenery.

This year the first Apple Blossom Run took place in April on the Macomb Orchard Trail. There are many opportunities for individuals and businesses to make tax-deductible contributions in support of the trail. Visit the Web site for sponsorship information.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**May 7:**  
Bearing Burners Car Show

**June 10-11**  
Macedonian Fest

**June 17**  
HarleyFest

**June 23-25**  
SummerFest

**July 4**  
County Fireworks/  
Veterans' Picnic

**July 5**  
U.S. Air Force Band of Flight

**July 14-16**  
Polish Festival

**July 21-23**  
Italian Festival

**July 29-30**  
Pet a Palooza

**Aug. 5**  
Bark in the Park

**Sept. 9**  
L.E.T.S.E.A.T. Food Drive

**Sept. 10**  
Battle of the Brits Car Show

**Sept. 22-24**  
St. Raymond Apple Harvest  
Festival

**Oct. 8**  
Mut Madness

More events are expected to be approved in coming months. Visit the web site for an up-to-date listing.

# MICHIGAN WORKS!

The three Michigan Works! service centers in Macomb County join the more than 100 such locations throughout the state, all of which offer job seekers and the business community a number of quality, customer-friendly services.

Roseville Michigan Works!  
Service Center  
15950 12 Mile Road  
586-447-9200

Clinton Township Michigan Works!  
Service Center  
43630 Hayes Road  
586-263-1501

Mount Clemens Michigan Works!  
Service Center  
75 N. River Road  
586-469-7702  
Toll free: 1-800-285-WORKS

[www.macomb-stclairworks.org](http://www.macomb-stclairworks.org)

## **Job seekers – ranging from entry level to professionals – looking for a job or better job, can:**

- Post a resume in the Michigan Talent Bank ([www.michworks.org](http://www.michworks.org)), a labor exchange system that helps job seekers market their skills and abilities, as well as permitting them to review thousands of job openings posted by employers.
- Attend more than 30 seminars, including resume preparation, interviewing skills, job search techniques, budgeting and money management, and other related topics.
- Get up-to-date labor market information as well as information on programs including vocational



training, on-the-job training, math and reading skills brush-up, and GED preparation.

- Take advantage of assessment and career counseling services.

## **The business community can:**

- Register as an employer on the Michigan Job Bank system, post employment opportunities on the system, review resumes and contact job seekers who have entered resumes in the system.
- Access information on the Americans with Disabilities Act, tax credit programs and veteran hiring information.
- Use the Small Business Resource Center, located at the



Clinton Township Michigan Works! Service Center. The center, established in cooperation with the Macomb County Department of Planning & Economic Development, offers prospective business owners assistance in preparing business plans, online counseling and provides access to a variety of information resources.

# PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

With an eye for how all the pieces need to come together, the Macomb County Department of Planning & Economic Development shares its expertise with others to build a bright and exciting future for Macomb County.

Planning & Economic Development  
586-469-5285  
[www.macombcountymi.gov/planning](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/planning)

Macomb County's Department of Planning & Economic Development (MCPED) has the pleasure of working with residents, businesses of all types and sizes, other county departments, and nonprofit agencies and municipalities throughout the region on important projects. Four program areas provide expert assistance:

## Community Development

With an allocation of nearly \$2 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's "Community Development Block Grant" program, the county assists 21 participating municipalities fund critical local projects such as infrastructure improvements, community center renovations and direct assistance to low-income individuals.

## Economic Development

Recognizing that a strong economy is critical, the department works to attract and retain businesses of all sizes. Free and confidential services include business plan development, marketing strategies, financial analysis, access to capital, site selection, tax exemptions, investment incentives and project management assistance.

## Environmental Services

Offering expertise in downtown development initiatives, water quality issues, non-motorized transportation design, natural resources, historic preservation, and demographics. Environmental Services works in partnership with others to ensure successful outcomes.

## Geographic Information Services

GIS develops and maintains a database of parcels, flood plain information and community assets including recreational property, schools and public buildings. By regularly updating detailed street information, the department provides an invaluable service to 911 emergency responders. GIS also provides graphic design support to other departments and produces map products available for purchase, including the newly launched "Macomb County Street Atlas" series.

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

MCPED has been involved in projects throughout the county:

- Countywide economic development strategy including the development and launch of a new business attraction Web site [www.MacombBusiness.com](http://www.MacombBusiness.com)
- Preserving farmland in northern Macomb County
- Building a network of linked hike/bike trails throughout the county
- Van Dyke – 8 Mile Road Gateway Collaborative
- Mount Clemens wireless project
- "Blueprint for Downtowns" projects with Romeo and Utica
- County marketing program
- Creating model environmental ordinances
- Brownfield redevelopment
- Historic preservation
- Focus Macomb: A Partnership for Economic Development
- Developing the County Attractions Map and the Macomb Orchard Trail Map

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## Housing Rehabilitation

MCPED has funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to assist eligible homeowners make needed repairs. Up to \$20,000 in low-interest and deferred loans are available. Placed as a lien on the property, the loans are typically repaid upon the title change of the property. The program makes it possible for low- to moderate-income homeowners to meet federal guidelines in making their homes “safe, sanitary and decent.”

Virtually any home repair is possible including, heating and energy improvements, plumbing and

sanitary fixtures, electrical works, replacement windows, entrance doors, new roofs, septic systems and wells, and vinyl siding. Also included in the program are lead-based paint testing and elimination.

Program staff provide start-to-finish assistance to eligible homeowners including initial inspection, oversight of the contractor bidding process, and ensuring that the work meets local code ordinances.

Applicants must own and occupy the home, have homeowner's insurance (and flood insurance if applicable), be current with property tax obligations and qualify for



Since 1983, more than 1,160 homeowners have received assistance through the Housing Rehabilitation Program.

income limits. For example, a family of four with an income under less than \$55,000 would qualify.

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## SMALL BUSINESS

Macomb County Small Business & Technology Development Center  
586-469-5118  
[www.misbtdc.org/region10](http://www.misbtdc.org/region10)

Whether you are looking to start a business, purchase an existing establishment or grow what you've got, the Small Business and Technology Development Center is equipped to assess the situation, identify options, and provide tools for making solid business decisions. Housed within the Department of Planning & Economic Development, the center is helping businesses grow and achieve their goals.

Through professional assistance provided at no charge, entrepreneurs have access to



Small Business of the Year award winner Walt Lashley, owner of Ultimate Sports Arena in Chesterfield Township, pictured with an SBTDC business counselor.

training, research, counseling and a variety of workshops and programs. Confidential and free one-on-one

business counseling also is available from certified business consultants.



# COUNTY CLERK/REGISTER OF DEEDS



Carmella Sabaugh

**The Clerk/Register of Deeds provides prompt, friendly and convenient service, keeping accurate property and court records and issuing birth and death records, licenses, permits and copies of vital records, among other things.**

**Clerk's Office**  
40 N. Main St., 1st Floor, Mount Clemens  
586-469-5120  
[www.macombcountymi.gov/clerksoffice](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/clerksoffice)

**Register of Deeds**  
10 N. Main St., 2nd Floor, Mount Clemens  
586-469-7953

**Fax-on-demand**  
1-888-99-CLERK  
(1-888-992-5375)

## Office Responsibilities

The clerk issues birth and death certificates, marriage licenses, business registrations, military discharges, notary public commissions, concealed weapons permits and keeps real estate records. The clerk also keeps records for Circuit Court, Board of Commissioners, Election Commission, Board of Canvassers, Plat Board, Civil Service Commission, Jury Commission and Concealed Weapons.

## Speedy Register of Deeds Sets Record!

Macomb County had the first computerized property records scanning and indexing service for the Register of Deeds. You may view deeds at <http://www.landaccess.com>.

## One-Day/One-Trial

Chief Judge Anthony Viviano and Clerk Carmella Sabaugh reduced jury duty from one week to just one day or one trial, whichever is shorter. Jurors may also get a free bus ride to the courthouse

## Overnight Delivery

If you need a copy of a vital record in a hurry, the clerk provides overnight delivery service for birth certificate requests and other vital records. You can even request your records on the clerk's web site.

## Businesses Online

Entrepreneurs starting a business can spend time working in their business rather than standing in line at the Clerk's Office to find out if the business name they want is already in use. Assumed name business registrations are now on the clerk's web site.

## Death Records Online

When researching your family tree, you can find a complete index of Macomb County death records on Clerk Carmella Sabaugh's Web site.

## Evening Hours

The Clerk's Office is now open Wednesday evenings until 7:00 p.m. – letting people who work during the day receive personal service. Normal hours are 8 a.m. –

5 p.m. (The clerk's court section closes daily at 4:30 p.m.)

## Fax-on-demand

If you need a form, you can get it immediately on your fax machine by calling 1-888-99-CLERK. The service even works nights and weekends when the Clerk's Office is closed!

## Mobile Office

Several times per year, the County Clerk takes her office on the road to provide local service for those who cannot drive to Mount Clemens.

## Fax Filing of Court Documents

All court documents may now be filed by fax. This lets the County Clerk staff spend more time at the counter with those who need personal assistance, while allowing those familiar with the process to file quickly and efficiently.

## Students Learn and Earn

A new law requires the clerk to run school elections in some circumstances. This year, the clerk let students learn and earn by teaching more students to be official election inspectors than have ever served in the county.

## Court Info on the Internet

Public Circuit Court case information is now available on the clerk's Web site.

## Follow the Campaign Money

The county clerk was commended by a Lansing campaign finance watchdog group for putting county and local campaign statements on the Internet.

# PROSECUTING ATTORNEY



Eric Smith

**The Prosecuting Attorney is the top law enforcement officer in Macomb County and proudly serves and protects all who live and work in the county.**

**Prosecutor's Office**  
586-469-5350  
[www.macombcountymi.gov/prosecutorsoffice](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/prosecutorsoffice)

**The Bad Check Restitution Team**  
586-469-7336

**The Child Support Division**  
586-469-7332

**The Consumer Fraud Division**  
586-469-7314

**The Internet Crimes Division**  
586-469-7303

**The Senior Crimes Unit**  
586-469-7276

**The Victims Rights Unit**  
586-469-5675

The Prosecuting Attorney is a sworn, impartial arbiter responsible for criminal prosecution of those who violate state criminal laws. The prosecutor represents the people of the State of Michigan in criminal matters before the District and Circuit courts, the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals.

The mission of the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney is to punish criminal behavior and protect the lives and livelihoods of those who live or are employed in Macomb County. The office provides a host of initiatives to ease the impact and suffering of victims and reduce criminal activity.

## Protecting Victims

The Victims Rights Unit assists victims and witnesses of crimes and helps them to understand the sometimes overwhelming complexity of the criminal justice system. Specially trained victim-witness agents provide guidance and counseling to those affected by crimes or called upon to testify in court.

## Protecting Seniors

The Senior Crimes Unit or SCAMS Division (Stop Crimes Against Macomb Seniors) coordinates the investigation and prosecution of crimes involving victims 65 and older. A single assistant prosecutor handles the case from beginning to end, simplifying the process for seniors. Victim-witness agents specializing in senior concerns also help ease the fright and confusion which often accompany these crimes.

## Protecting the Internet

Working with the Sheriff's Macomb Area Computer Enforcement team, the Internet Crimes Division tracks down and punishes those who use computer technology to steal financial identities and set up Internet scams. The I.C. Division also targets criminals who use the computer to solicit and molest children.

## Protecting Consumers

The Consumer Fraud Division concentrates on investigating financial swindles, construction fraud and business-related crimes. The consumer fraud division also secures financial restitution for victims.

## Protecting Merchants

Business owners in Macomb County know too well the cost and frustration caused by no-account and insufficient funds checks. The Bad Check Restitution Team brings first-time bad check writers to justice and gets restitution to the merchant for the full amount of the negotiable instrument.

## Protecting the Environment

The Water Quality Unit prosecutes those who pollute our water and corrupt our shoreline. It also serves as a reference resource for builders and consumers who have concerns regarding environmental compliance issues. The Water Team works to keep our community the most beautiful in Michigan.

## Protecting Families

Raising children presents a financial challenge for any household. The Child Support Division establishes support orders on behalf of children and coordinates the registration in Michigan of existing out-of-state child support judgments. This division also establishes paternity for purposes of child support on children born out of wedlock.

# PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSIONER



Anthony V. Marrocco

Your Public Works Commissioner performs a myriad of duties designed to improve the quality of life for county residents, including the operation and maintenance of 750 storm drains. The Public Works Commissioner also manages the Macomb County Wastewater Disposal District, an agency that provides sewer service for 11 communities and 400,000 residents.

Public Works  
586-469-5325  
[www.macombcountymi.gov/publicworks](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/publicworks)



Specially trained inspectors enter the cavernous Schoenherr Relief Drain to track down sources of pollution.

The Public Works Commissioner also oversees the Chapaton and Martin retention basins in St. Clair Shores, two flood control facilities that can handle — and treat — 36 million gallons of combined flow during rain events.

The state Soil Erosion Control Act is administered by the Public Works Office. This entails policing construction of residential subdivisions and commercial buildings to make sure soil is not leaving the sites and causing sedimentation and pollution in our waterways. The office also scrutinizes new subdivision plats to assure that proper drainage is provided.

The Public Works Commissioner conducts an environmental education program for Macomb County youngsters that teaches the importance of protecting and preserving our natural resources. An Illicit Discharge Elimination Program investigates and eradicates sources of water pollution in county drains.

## 2005 Achievements

The Macomb County Public Works Office had a banner year in 2005, ferreting out many sources of pollution that were fouling our drains.

Intrepid inspectors tracked down two sources in Warren, several in Sterling Heights and another at an apartment complex on the Eastpointe-Roseville border. Inspectors also investigated the sources of oil pollution and other contaminants in Macomb Township and other areas in fast-growing parts of central and northern Macomb County. That equates to tens of thousands of gallons of sewage that were eliminated from the environment.

Since inspectors started trudging through county drains in 2000 — looking for contamination sources under the Illicit Discharge Elimination Program — more than 16 million gallons of sewage have permanently been eradicated.



# SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Mark Hackel

**While law enforcement in any jurisdiction presents a unique set of challenges, the Macomb County Sheriff's Office is responding in ways that instill pride among all its citizens.**

**Macomb County Sheriff's Office**  
586-469-5151  
[www.macomb-sheriff.com](http://www.macomb-sheriff.com)

## Macomb County Jail

The county's Criminal Justice Reform Committee continued to solve the overcrowding issue at the jail through procedural changes that would reduce duplication, share information and more efficiently process defendants through the system.

In addition, a new effort to reduce overcrowding conditions in the Macomb County Jail was instituted last year with the development of a Judges Bed Allocation program.

## Office Services

Throughout Macomb County, the Sheriff's Office provides secure transportation services from the point of arraignment to various district courts. Other services include traffic enforcement, evidence technician, polygraph and criminal investigation – work that is

done not only for the eight townships under contract – but for various Macomb County departments as requested. The Sheriff's Office also is a key participant in teams that deal with child predators, online fraud, criminal surveillance, narcotics investigation, auto theft and insurance fraud, and hotel/motel narcotics interdiction.

The Sheriff's Office also operates a Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team which responds to dangerous situations and a Marine Division which patrols the county's shoreline.

The Sheriff's Office provides contracted road patrol services to the City of Mount Clemens and the townships of Armada, Bruce, Lenox, Harrison, Macomb, Richmond, Ray, and Washington. It also provides school resource deputies, dispatch services for fire and EMS, and motor carrier assistance for the Road Commission of Macomb County.

Nowhere is the Sheriff's Office principle of community involvement more evident than in the Macomb County Sheriff's Reserves – a volunteer force that serves in seven distinct auxiliary divisions, including Aviation, All-Terrain Vehicles, Bicycle Patrol, Computer and Cyber Crimes, Marine Safety, Mounted Unit (horseback) and Motor Unit (motorcycle) to provide for public safety.

All equipment, including aircraft, is provided by the volunteers, who have donated more than 24,000 hours of service to the community, at a savings of at least \$1.3 million dollars.



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A tank, provided by the U.S. Army, helps to complete the Special Weapons and Tactics or S.W.A.T. Unit.

middle

Both full-time deputies and reserve deputies make up the Sheriff's Motor Division. These specially trained men and women help to control traffic involving large crowds.

The K-9 Unit teams deputies with dogs that are trained to track missing or wanted persons or to detect explosives or illicit drugs.



# TREASURER



Ted Wahby

**The Macomb County Treasurer's Office provides finance-related services to county residents.**

**Treasurer**  
586-469-5194  
[www.macombcountymi.gov/treasurer](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/treasurer)

**Delinquent Personal Property Taxes**  
586-469-5446

**Land File Division**  
586-469-5312

**Tax Information**  
586-469-5190

As the only county Treasurer's office in Michigan to receive a National Association of Counties (NACo) award, the Macomb County Treasurer provides valuable financial services to all county residents.

## Finance and Bookkeeping

As the investment officer for county funds, the Treasurer ensures taxpayers are getting the highest yield for their tax dollars at the lowest amount of risk by using sound banking and investment practices.

## Public Sector

This section is responsible for certifying taxes and legal descriptions for deeds and land contracts and also assists taxpayers when they pay delinquent property taxes.

## Land File

This department manages the records of about 349,172 individual real estate parcels, including legal descriptions, taxpayer names and addresses, and delinquent tax information. A drafting section updates and maintains the accuracy of all property line drawings by plotting new subdivisions, acreage divisions and consolidation of lots.

## Delinquent Personal Property

Staff members collect delinquent taxes on behalf of 22 communities in Macomb County. They are also responsible for visiting properties prior to foreclosure and working with property owners to identify potential sources of assistance and developing plans to help them meet their obligations.

## Winner of Five NACo Achievement Awards

In 1999, when the state changed the law that requires the county Treasurer to foreclose on properties for non-payment of taxes, the Treasurer's Office developed procedures that followed the law but also assisted taxpayers with meeting their obligations. Since the law changed, not one occupied structure has been taken. The Macomb County Treasurer's Office was the only in Michigan to receive a NACo Award for this program.

## Local Government Outreach Program

The Treasurer's Office also received an award for developing a multifaceted program that advanced intergovernmental cooperation and coordination among taxing units.

## Cash Flow Projection Program

Getting more for less is a common practice in the Treasurer's Office. By establishing a system that monitors and anticipates cash flow, the Treasurer's Office is able to invest county funds for longer periods of time. As a result, the county is able to receive a higher rate of return. By operating intelligently, this program added over \$400,000 to the county General Fund in its first year. This innovation was recognized with a NACo Award in 2002.

## Property Tax Charge-Back Program

The Treasurer's Office developed a two-pronged program to improve efficiencies in the charging back of uncollectible real property taxes. Through revised research procedures and the development of an innovative computer program, the office brought in more than \$700,000 in additional revenue to the county.

## Personal Property Tax Collection Program

The Treasurer's Office contracts with 22 Macomb County communities to collect delinquent personal property taxes. This nationally recognized program has collected thousands of dollars that otherwise would likely have been abandoned. Successfully implementing this program helps make sure that everyone pays their fair share.

# MACOMB COUNTY CIRCUIT AND PROBATE

## One Day/One Trial Jury Service

The Court, in partnership with County Clerk/Register of Deeds initiated a program that reduces the amount of time the average citizen spends when called to jury duty. For years, potential jurors were required to be available for four days to be interviewed as potential jurors. For many – especially those not compensated by their employers for time spent fulfilling their civic obligation – this could be a burden. Under the One Day/One Trial Jury Service Program, jurors are now required to appear for one day. If they are not selected to serve as a juror, their obligation is fulfilled. Of course, those who do have the privilege of serving as jurors are required to do so for the entire trial.

## Family Division

The court adopted a parenting time dispute resolution program under which selected parenting time disputes are sent to The Resolution Center for mediation, instead of being involved in adversary proceedings. A negotiated settlement, taking into account the needs of the children and each of the parents, is far better for all involved than contested proceedings.

## Juvenile Division

Juvenile referees and their support staff – previously operating at a location close to the Juvenile Justice Center – have moved their operations to the courthouse at 10 North Main St. in downtown Mount Clemens. As a result, services for citizens has been enhanced while also providing a cost-effective and efficient opportunity for Family Division Judges, referees and staff

## Circuit Court Judges



Chief Judge  
Antonio P. Viviano



Chief Judge - Pro Tem  
Richard L. Caretti



Honorable  
Peter J. Maceroni



Honorable  
Mary A. Chrzanowski



Honorable  
Donald G. Miller



Honorable  
James M. Biernat, Sr.  
Presiding Civil



Honorable  
Mark S. Switalski  
Presiding Family



Honorable  
Edward A. Servitto, Jr.



Honorable  
Matthew S. Switalski



Honorable  
Diane M. Druzinski



Honorable  
Tracey A. Yokich



Honorable  
John C. Foster

to work together as integrated teams. The Juvenile Division also is working on merging the Family Division dockets so that each judge shares an equal portion of all juvenile and family matters.

## Probate Court

Macomb County Probate Court has established several programs to assist residents. The court's unique Minor Guardianship Department centers on a court program that assists children in need of placement with third-party guardians for a variety of reasons, such as parental death, incarceration, unsuitability or disability. The Guardianship/Conservatorship Mediation Service is offered in collaboration with the Macomb Resolution Center. The program

## Probate Court Judges



Chief Probate Judge  
Pamela Gilbert  
O'Sullivan



Chief Judge - Pro Tem  
Probate Judge  
Kathryn A. George

offers a non-court setting to help parties with issues related to the care of adults and minors. The mediation process assists the parties to identify issues and to cooperatively agree to solutions without court intervention.

visit [www.macombcountymi.gov/probatecourt](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/probatecourt)

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